

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Wedge at 7:05 PM. The following members were present:

Ms. Sylvia Wedge, Chair	Ms. Karen Gleason	Mrs. Terri Cortvriend
Mr. Douglas Wilkey, Clerk	Mrs. Marjorie Levesque	Mr. David Croston, V. Chair

Also Present: Dr. Lusi, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cofield, Mr. Elmasian, Asst. Supt. Jermain (8:45 PM)

Absent: Mr. Richard Carpenter

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Ms. Wedge announced that a Fundraising Subcommittee meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, January 31, 2006, to discuss the NESDEC report.

2. **SPOTLIGHT**

- a) **Scholastic Arts Competition Winners, PHS.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Ms. Gleason to commend the following students for their outstanding achievement in the 2006 Scholastic Art Competition at the statewide level:

Senior	Andrea Orchard	Silver Key - Drawing
Junior	Brianne Lamanna	Silver Key - Digital Media/Animation
Senior	Emily Callaghan	Silver Key - Sculpture
Sophomore	Jennifer Kossak	Gold Key - Photography
Senior	Luyi Huang	Gold Key - Drawing
Senior	Logan Faerber	Portfolio Winner

So voted 6-0.

- b) **Melville School.** Dr. Olson and Mrs. Stockard gave an informative Powerpoint presentation on the programs at Melville Elementary School. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period.

3. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Lusi announced that Asst. Supt. Jermain was attending a meeting on Physics First at the East Bay Education Collaborative and could not be present at this meeting. She thanked Representative John Loughlin for his help with the Group Home Aid.

- a) **Teaching and Learning:** No report.
- b) **Finance and Operations:** Mrs. Brown gave a brief report on Gate receipts. She also announced that PHS Guidance recently told her that three additional students will be attending the Newport Area Career and Tech Center for the spring semester.
- c) **Miss Julie Monteiro, High School Liaison:** Miss Monteiro reported that the second semester has begun. The Mock Trial and the Science Olympiad teams are preparing for their competitions. On January 27th, the high school is holding a blood drive, which is open to the public, ages 17 and older.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 10, 2006. So voted 6-0.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) **Appt. – General School Aide, Melville.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to affirm the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #1-1/24/06, to the position of General School Aide at Melville School, effective immediately. So voted 6-0. Dr. Lusi announced the appointment of Mrs. Amy Cloud.
- b) **Resignation – Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach, PHS.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to accept with deep regret the resignation of Rick Pascoe, Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach at Portsmouth High School, effective January 2, 2006. So voted 6-0.
- c) **Resignation – Reading Specialist, Hathaway.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to accept with deep regret the resignation of Jean M. Gredler, Reading Specialist at Hathaway School, effective with the last day of the 2005-06 school year. So voted 6-0.
- d) **Guidance Counselor Retirement, PHS.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to accept with deep regret the resignation for retirement of Elaine M. Albanese, Guidance Counselor at Portsmouth High School, effective with the last day of the 2005-06 school year. So voted 6-0.

6. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- a) **Approval of 2005-06 Operational Budget.** A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to approve the School Department's 2005-06 operational budget in the amount of \$29,939,467. So voted 5-0-1. Ms. Gleason abstained.

- b) **Report on Summer School.** Mr. Joao Arruda, Director of the district-wide summer school program, reported on the 2005 summer school session. He distributed an information binder to the School Committee and Administration and reviewed its contents. Ms. Gleason requested that Asst. Superintendent Jermain give an update on the summer school program before it begins next summer.

(Asst. Supt. Jermain arrived at 8:45 PM.)

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) **Finance:** Mr. Croston asked that the School Committee be shown deference in receiving subcommittee documents.
- b) **Policy:** Mr. Wilkey stated that a Policy Subcommittee meeting took place prior to the School Committee meeting. Several finance policies were discussed, which took up the entire meeting. The remaining agenda items will be discussed at the next meeting on February 14th at 5:30 PM.
- c) **Fundraising:** Mr. Croston reported that the Fundraising Gala will be held at Salve on March 11th. Hamilton Printing is donating the printing of the invitations, and GenCorp is donating the cost of the mailing, thanks to Terri Cortvriend. Mr. Croston reported that we are on the cusp of \$100,000 in fundraising dollars, and we are well on our way of reaching our goal. He announced that other fundraising events are in the planning stages.
- d) **Gymnasium Construction Oversight Committee (GCOC).** Mr. Croston reported that they accepted a donation from Coastal Electric to bring a new 200 amp power line to the pump house. The contractor, by the base bid, owns bringing 400 amp service from the gym to the pump house. He reported that they are trying to button up the site work for the arrival of the steel on February 20th. Ms. Gleason asked for an update on the progress of the gym construction. Mr. Croston stated that he and the technical advisors will give an update at a scheduled School Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkey and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to adjourn the meeting. So voted 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for

Douglas Wilkey, Clerk